

FISCAL NOTE

HB 870 - SB 864

March 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds statutory rape against a minor under 18 years of age to those acts constituting child sexual abuse; requires the Department of Health to report anyone under 18 years of age having a sexually transmitted disease; requires health care providers examining or treating a child, who determines that such child is pregnant, to report the case to the Department of Children's Services for sexual abuse investigation; decreases the age difference of defendant and the victim of statutory rape from four years to two years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$190,200/Incarceration*

\$625,300

\$374,900/TennCare

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$37,400

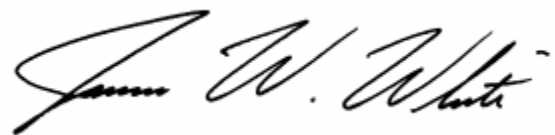
Assumptions:

- 36 additional convictions each year for statutory rape, a Class E felony.
- 18 new case managers required to investigate approximately 3,200 additional cases of child sexual abuse by the Department of Children's Services.
- Five additional children placed in state custody

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director